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Mr. Mike Linder
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Dear Mr. Linder:

Thank you for the submission dated April 14, 2003, requesting approval of the Middle Platte Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) under §303(d) of the Clean Water Act. The Middle Platte TMDLs have been evaluated for the fecal coliform bacteria impairments for segments MP1-10000, MP1-20000, MP2-20000, and MP2-40000 (4 TMDLs). We have completed our review of these four TMDLs as submitted by your office and in accordance with §303(d) of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq.), we approve all aspects of these TMDLs.

Enclosed is the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 7 Review Form which summarizes the rationale for EPA's approval of these TMDLs. EPA believes the separate elements of the TMDLs described in the enclosed form adequately address the pollutant of concern, taking into consideration seasonal variation and a margin of safety.

Again, EPA appreciates the thoughtful teamwork and partnering effort that Nebraska has put forth in the development of these TMDLs and will continue to cooperate with and assist, as appropriate, in future efforts by Nebraska to develop the remaining TMDLs on the current Nebraska §303(d) list of impaired water bodies.

Sincerely,

Leo J. Alderman
Director
Water, Wetlands, and Pesticides Division

Enclosure

cc: Mr. Patrick O'Brien, NDEQ